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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the above-mentioned PCT application, please accept the enclosed application under the national stage pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371 and amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please replace claims 1-29 of the application with claims 1- 28 as follows:

1. A cable splice closure comprising a casing which is capable of being closed around a cable splice, and at least one cable retention means for retaining the end of at least one cable fed into the interior of the closure through or adjacent to a seal , the said retention means being capable of being tightened, in use, to seal against and retain the said cable substantially independently of any compressive force applied to the retention means by the casing.